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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--21 SEPTEMBER 1963

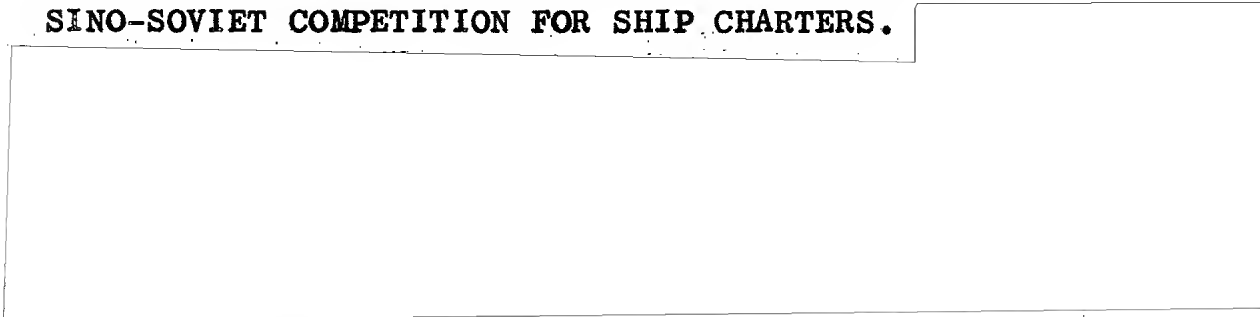
1. USSR--WHEAT:

A. MOSCOW HAS, OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS, SOLD MORE THAN \$100 MILLION WORTH OF GOLD IN WESTERN EUROPE.

B. THE SALES WILL HELP COVER INITIAL EXPENSES OF THE GRAIN DEALS. THERE WILL PROBABLY BE MORE GOLD SOLD, WITH THE TOTAL FOR THIS YEAR PERHAPS TOPPING THE 1961 PEAK OF \$310 MILLION.

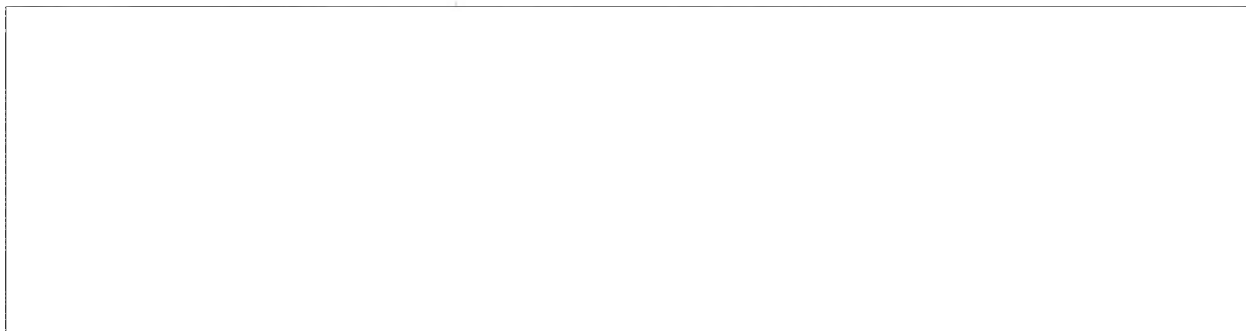
C. THE PRESS IS REPORTING SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS FOR 250,000 TONS OF WEST GERMAN FLOUR, WHICH WOULD PRESUMABLY BE MILLED FROM GERMAN GRAIN IMPORTS. 50X1

D. THE MASSIVE GRAIN PURCHASES HAVE ALREADY LED TO SINO-SOVIET COMPETITION FOR SHIP CHARTERS.



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2. USSR-CUBA:



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3. PAKISTAN:

A. [REDACTED] AYUB HAS AGREED

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TO AN OCTOBER VISIT BY CHINESE COMMUNIST FOREIGN MINISTER CHEN YI.

B. LAST WEEK THE PAKISTANI FOREIGN MINISTER HAD ASSURED AMBASSADOR MCCONAUGHY THAT SUCH A VISIT WAS "NOT IN THE MILL NOW," BUT MIGHT TAKE PLACE EVENTUALLY.

C. PAKISTAN WILL PROBABLY CONTEND THAT CHEN YI IS BETTER THAN PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI, WHOM THE CHINESE WANTED INVITED.

4. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. VISIBLE SIGNS OF THE BUDDHIST CRISIS HAVE ALL BUT DISAPPEARED FROM SAIGON.

B. COUP PLOTTING CONTINUES UNABATED, HOWEVER. [REDACTED]

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C. LAST WEEK VIET CONG ATTACKS REACHED THEIR HIGHEST LEVEL OF THE YEAR, WITH MOST OF THE ACTIVITY IN THE DELTA. THE UPSWING, PARTLY SEASONAL, COULD ALSO BE A COMMUNIST ATTEMPT TO KEEP THE SITUATION UNSETTLED.

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D. MADAME NHU IS IN ROME. HER FORWARD PLANS ARE UNCERTAIN BUT APPARENTLY INCLUDE STOPS IN PARIS AND LONDON. IT MAY BE TWO WEEKS OR SO BEFORE SHE GETS HERE TO BEGIN "RE-EDUCATING" US.

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5. COMMUNIST CHINA:

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B. [REDACTED] MANY CHINESE ALARMED OVER THE LOSS OF SOVIET SUPPORT AND FEARFUL LEST THIS LEAD TO [REDACTED] DIFFICULTIES.

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C. [REDACTED] PEOPLE ARE STILL WORRIED ABOUT FOOD, DESPITE IMPROVEMENTS SO FAR THIS YEAR, AND PUT LITTLE STOCK IN THE REGIME'S ABILITY TO KEEP RATIONS AT PRESENT LEVELS ALL WINTER.

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6. MALAYSIA:

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A. MANILA MAY BE EDGING TOWARD A MORE MODERATE POSITION ON MALAYSIA.

B. THERE HAVE BEEN NO FURTHER MOVES AGAINST THE BRITISH IN INDONESIA AND THE EVACUATION OF BRITISH AND AUSTRALIAN

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NATIONALS HAS PROCEEDED WITHOUT INCIDENT.

C. DJAKARTA'S INTENTIONS WITH RESPECT TO BRITISH FIRMS ARE CLOUDY, BUT ITS MANEUVERS SO FAR ARE REMINISCENT OF THE INITIAL MOVES AGAINST DUTCH FIRMS WHICH HAVE NEVER BEEN RETURNED.

7. NOTES:

A. USSR: THE SOVIETS HAVE RELEASED EXTENSIVE SUMMARIES OF THE PRESIDENT'S UN SPEECH. OMITTED, HOWEVER, WERE HIS PROPOSALS TO SHARE AN EXPEDITION TO THE MOON. ONE MOSCOW RADIO COMMENTARY WAS MILDLY CRITICAL OF OTHER ASPECTS OF THE SPEECH.

B. BRAZIL: THE AUTHORITIES HAVE EXPOSED AN ATTEMPT BY RETIRED ADMIRAL SYLVIO HECK, A CONGENITAL--
--COUP PLOTTER, TO BUILD UP A STOCK OF WEAPONS IN RIO. AT A MINIMUM THE INCIDENT WILL MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE CONSERVATIVE MILITARY TO CONVINCE GOULART THAT HE SHOULD TAKE A STRONGER HAND WITH THE LEFTISTS. RUMORS PERSIST THAT SOME SORT OF MOVE AGAINST GOULART IS IN THE WORKS.

C. PORTUGUESE GUINEA:

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D. CUBA-UK

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E. HAITI: DUVALIER, CONVINCED THAT NEW EXILE ATTACKS FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ARE IMMINENT, HAS BEEN REINFORCING HAITI'S NORTHEASTERN BORDER.

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F. NORWAY: THE THREE-WEEK-OLD GOVERNMENT OF CONSERVATIVE LEADER LYG HAS FALLEN. ALL SIGNS POINT NOW TO A RETURN TO POWER OF A MINORITY GOVERNMENT UNDER FORMER PRIME MINISTER GERHARDSEN. HIS FLIRTATION WITH THE FAR LEFT SOCIALISTS AND THE SCARS HE LEFT ON THE CONSERVATIVES BY TOPPLING THEIR FIRST GOVERNMENT IN 28 YEARS WITHOUT GIVING IT A CHANCE WILL NOT MAKE HIS ROAD ANY SMOOTHER.

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G. LAOS: THE NORTH VIETNAMESE APPEAR TO HAVE REOPENED THEIR MAIN TRUCK ROUTE INTO THE PLAINE DES JARRES AREA. TRAFFIC ON THE ROUTE HAD BEEN AT A VIRTUAL STANDSTILL SINCE EARLY AUGUST AS A RESULT OF MEO INTERDICTION OPERATIONS AND THE RAINY SEASON, WHICH IS NOW ENDING.

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